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1. The Austrian Communist Party (KPOe) intends to focus its political efforts primarily on the labor elements during the coming months. Specifically, Communist efforts to sharpen the class struggle will take the following form:
2. General Strike in 1951. The KPOe has instructed its activists to launch a series of protest strikes, sit-down strikes and "solidarity" demonstrations, in order gradually to lead the workers to a large general strike to take place in 1951.
3. Solidarity in the Trade Unions. The KPOe takes the view that the Austrian Socialist Party (SPOe) and the Austrian People's Party (OeVP) are attempting to destroy solidarity of the trade union movement. In order to maintain political power in the unions, the Communists must, under any circumstances, avoid a split in the Austrian Trade Union Federation. Party members have been instructed to fight against any future exclusion or punishment of Communist union functionaries, and to work for the cancellation of disciplinary measures taken against councillors of factories which participated in the last (October 1950) general strike.
4. Unions as Instruments of Class War. It is the Communist view, further, that the SPOe and OeVP are converting the unions to instruments of government policy. To avoid this development, and to render the unions effective in the class struggle:
 - a. Non-Communist workers must be won over to party organizations (see paragraph 7 below)
 - b. Factory workers must be "radicalized", chiefly through the introduction of increasing demands for higher pay.
5. Opposition to the League of Independents. The League of Independents (VdU) is regarded by the KPOe as a neo-fascist organization in the service of the employers. Communists have been directed to oppose recognition of the VdU as a union faction.

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6. Elections of Factory Councillors in 1951. The KPOe Central Committee has already begun preparations for the elections of factory councillors, to take place in most factories in 1951. Communists have been instructed to persuade members of the SPOe that "the leadership of the SPOe" is working "against the interests of the workers". In this connection, KPOe members are under orders to avoid any show of animosity toward Socialist functionaries, and to convince the voters in friendly discussions that the party heads of the SPOe have betrayed Socialism.
7. Recruitment of Communists. As with the factory election campaigns, KPOe recruitment efforts are aimed at Socialist voters, rather than at their leaders. Party organizations have been instructed to try any device which will cause a split between the members and the chiefs of the SPOe. Every Bezirk headquarters must pursue this goal of the KPOe in its own region.
8. Appeals to the Worker
- a. Labor Laws. The struggle for modern social security is to contribute likewise to winning over adherents of the other parties. Communists have been instructed to campaign in the unions and individual plants for the passage of new and the improvement or repeal of old labor laws. Among the issues to be considered are the creation of new laws concerning working hours and the Chamber of Labor, improvement of the works council law and repeal of the home-worker law, the bakery-worker's protective law and the labor-office law.
- b. The Issue of Unemployment. The KPOe is agitating for "assurance of a place to work" and guarantee of support in cases of undeserved unemployment. This campaign is to contribute to winning support for the Communists from Austria's 200,000 unemployed.

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